Mr. C. J. Mathew—I regret I cannot produce the manuscripts.

46. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to the above question will the Government be pleased to explain the occasion for their mentioning of the Hall, its fans, and all that if the fan went out of order only subsequent to the previous sitting of the Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The fan in the Library was not working on the last day of the previous meeting of the Council. It was then suggested that the Members might instead make use of the Council Hall to sit and read the reference books of the Council Library.

Agricultural Loans.

47. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the amount of agricultural loans given annually in the last five years in each taluk in the State ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A statement showing the amount of agricultural loans given annually in each taluk for the last 5 years is appended. (*Appendix II.*)

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Can the Government assign any reason for giving comparatively small amounts to the Talappalli and Chittur taluks ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The fund is distributed equally. Probably there were larger number of applications from the other taluks. Almost all the amount sanctioned have been distributed according to the necessity of the applicants.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Only a comparatively small amount is seen given both to the Talappalli and Chittur taluks. Is it because the head quarters of the Government is not situated in these taluks ?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—Probably there were larger number of applications from other taluks. The total amount is distributed among the Tahsildars of all taluks and they distribute the amount according to the necessity of the applicants concerned. The balance amount is reserved with the Diwan Peishkar and from that allotment payments will be made to applicants from any taluk.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—May I know whether the Government distribute the amount to each taluk and then divide it?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—The Tahsildars are entrusted with 1,000 or 2,000 rupees for each taluk. Then the balance is reserved with the Diwan Peishkar and the Diwan Peishkar makes payment to applicants irrespective of the question whether

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